

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4-7, 10-14, 17-18 and 24 have been amended and claims 27-30 have been added. Claims 1, 4-8, 10-14, 17-18, 23-24 and 27-30 are pending and under consideration.

As a preliminary matter, a personal interview was conducted between the Examiner and the Applicants' representatives on October 4, 2007. The Examiner is thanked for his time during the interview.

As discussed in the interview, independent claim 1 (used as an example herein) recites displaying on a television screen, minor channel numbers of programs received through the major channel. This differs from Eyer, which includes channels in different channel bands, thus, the programs are not received through the major channel. Specifically, the channels 10, 11, 110, 112, etc. are on different channel bands. Eyer teaches organizing these separate channels into groups based on source, for example, a jump from channel 10 (ABC) to channel 111 (another ABC). Essentially, a virtual link is created between separate channels according to the service provider, but not according to the channel band.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

New claims 27-30 are added. Claims 27 and 28 depend from claim 1 and recite features previously recited in claim 1. Due at least to their dependency from claim 1, claims 27 and 28 are allowable over the cited references. Claims 29 and 30 recite wherein the programs having the minor channel numbers are on a same RF band as the major channel. In contrast, the different channels of Eyer are on different channel bands.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

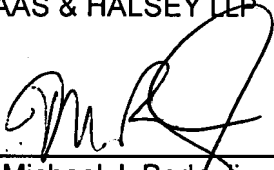
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